

# Want to Marry an Heiress?

—Become a  
"Social Aide" (in  
Uniform) at Washington

Here Are the Principals  
in Some of the Romances  
That Have Delighted the  
Matchmakers of the  
National Capital



Mrs. U. S. Grant, 3d.

THE big secret is out at last! If you want to marry an heiress read this page and you'll find out just how to make Cupid your ally and realize your desire.

It is written in the little love god's hand book that "matches are made in Heaven." It is high time, however, to revise this phrase from the code book for lovers and make it read, "matches are made in the White House between Presidents' aides and heiresses."

The recent marriage of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's physician and aide, to Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, the "million-dollar heiress," is the latest bit of evidence of the truth of the foregoing statement. Dr. Grayson had ample precedent.

Call the roll of the Presidents' aides who have married heiresses and, in addition to Dr. Grayson, the following will answer: Lieutenant-Commander L. C. Palmer, Capt. Charles K. Rockwell, Capt. Granville Fortescue, Capt. Dan Moore, Capt. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d., Col. Charles McCawley, Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, Col. Charles S. Bromwell and Capt. Philip Sheridan.

In a way, it is remarkable how many of the best, most widely known and most popular of those fortunate young officers detailed as aides to the President have won wealthy brides.

It is said that until Dr. Grayson "ran true to the form" of his brother



Capt. U. S. Grant, 3d.



aides, he was the prey of the matchmakers. In ex-President Taft's household Dr. Grayson took the position held by Maj. Archie Butt, who met a tragic death on the Titanic, that of the aide who was most frequently the chosen companion of his chief, and the one who fell naturally into the position of official escort to the ladies of the family.

Society gossips tried to engage Dr. Grayson to Miss Helen Taft soon after he was detailed to the White House.

As a matter of fact Dr. Grayson's marriage is the culmination of a

Col. Charles McCawley.



Miss Alice  
Gertrude Gordon,  
Recently Married to  
Dr. Cary T. Grayson.

romance of two administrations. Gertrude Gordon was one of Helen Taft's favorite playmates, and it was through her that Dr. Grayson met his fiancée.

Dr. Grayson's bride is a daughter of the late Gen. Gordon of Virginia. Several years before her marriage Mrs. Grayson asked for an allowance of \$25,000 a year as a necessary sum for the expenses of a young girl in Washington society.

During former President Taft's administration Lieutenant-Commander Leigh Palmer—known to his intimates as Elsie from his initials, L.

C.—and Capt. Charles Rockwell, who were among the most popular aides ever on duty at the Executive Mansion, married women of independent fortune.

Capt. Palmer married while still on White House detail a charming and wealthy young widow—Mrs. Bessie Draper McKeldin of Bound Brook, N. J.—a handsome woman with several small children. As Bessie Draper she was one of Atlanta's belles.

Capt. Rockwell married a Miss Vera Wesson, also said to be wealthy, who

whom Washington had no chance to meet, for he resigned from the army when he married and went into the manufacture of munitions somewhere in New Jersey.

It is an unwritten law that the White House aides, except the chief aide, must be bachelors, and that when an aide marries he must resign.

A notable trio of aides during Roosevelt's administration was composed of Capt. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d., Fitzhugh Lee and Philip Sheridan, all descendants of famous war-

Capt. Granville Fortescue.

Capt. Fitzhugh Lee.

Dr. C. T. Grayson.



Mrs. Philip Sheridan.

G. Cole. Mrs. Lee originally was Miss Suzanne Fletcher of Indiana and a niece of former Representative Loren Fletcher of that state.

Capt. Philip Sheridan married Miss Isabel McGunnagle, an army officer's daughter. He is one of the noblest horsemen of the army, and was sent abroad on a special mission which had to do with equitation.

Capt. Granville Fortescue, one of former President Roosevelt's aides married Miss Grace Bell, daughter of Charles J. Bell, one of Washington's richest and most prominent bankers and men of affairs.

Capt. Dan Moore, another Roosevelt aide, married a Miss Butler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Butler of Washington, generally described as being the possessor of considerable wealth.

Col. Charles McCawley, also a Roosevelt aide, was regarded as the beau ideal of the White House. He was a big, fine-looking man, of excellent birth and position, and was tremendously becoming in his uniform. In his day they called him the "Beau Brummel of the marine corps."

Col. McCawley married an heiress in the person of Judge John Davis's young widow, who was Miss Sarah Frellinghuysen, daughter of Theodore Frellinghuysen, who was secretary of state in the cabinet of President Arthur. Since his retirement Col. McCawley and his wife have made their home in Washington, where, as they like society and society likes them, they wield considerable influence.

Now you know the secret: To marry an heiress, become a President's aide.

Lieut.-Com. L. C. Palmer.



the grand nephew of Gen. Robert E. Lee and the son of Gen. Phil Sheridan.

Capt. Grant married Miss Edith Root, daughter of Elihu Root, who was at that time secretary of state, and certainly they are not likely ever to come to want.

Capt. Fitzhugh Lee married the charming young widow of Col. Harry

Mrs. L. C. Palmer.

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